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For: USE OF AN ANIMAL MODEL DEFICIENT IN P53 AND HAVING MEMORY DEFICIENCY AND/OR BEHAVIORAL DISORDERS FOR THERAPEUTIC PURPOSES

Preliminary Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to action by the Examiner, please amend the captioned application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1 to 10 and enter the following new claims:

11. (New) A method for identifying compounds with anti-anxiety activity, comprising:

- (a) administering a test compound to an animal comprising at least one non-functional allele of the p53 gene, and
- (b) determining whether said test compound decreases anxiety in said animal, in which test compounds that decrease anxiety in said animal are identified as compounds with anti-anxiety activity.

12. (New) The method of claim 11, wherein said animal is a mouse.